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BUSINESS MEETING

Thursday, December 30, 1915, 12 o'clock, noon

The meeting was called to order by the President, Hon Elihu Root.

President ROOT. The time having arrived, in accordance with the program, for the business meeting of the American Society of International Law, the members of the American Society of International Law will be good enough to come forward and take their part in the meeting. All persons not desiring to take part in the meeting will be good enough to retire from the room.

The CHAIR recognizes Mr. Charles Henry Butler.

Mr. BUTLER. I simply wish to make a formal motion that all the committees that were to report at this meeting, and all matters which were made a special order for this meeting, and that are not attended to at this session, be carried over, and the committees continued, until the next regular annual meeting of the Society.

President ROOT. Which will be in April.

Mr. BUTLER. At the next annual meeting.

(The motion was adopted.¹)

President ROOT. What is the further pleasure of the meeting? Is the Committee on Nominations² ready to report?

Mr. SNOW. Mr. President, I have the honor to make the following report.

The Committee on Nominations respectfully reports the following nominations for the year 1915-1916:

¹See minutes of the meeting of the Executive Council, these Proceedings, p. 139.

²This committee, consisting of Mr. Alpheus H. Snow, Chairman, and Messrs. James W. Garner, Chas. Noble Gregory, Andrew J. Montague and James L. Slayden, was appointed by the Executive Council, at a meeting held for that purpose on December 29, 1915.

For President: Hon. Elihu Root.

For Vice-Presidents:

Chief Justice White.	Hon. Richard Olney.
Justice William R. Day.	Hon. Horace Porter.
Hon. P. C. Knox.	Hon. Oscar S. Straus.
Mr. Andrew Carnegie.	Hon. Jacob M. Dickinson.
Hon. Joseph H. Choate.	Hon. James B. Angell.
Hon. John W. Foster.	Hon. William H. Taft.
Hon. George Gray.	Hon. William J. Bryan.
Hon. William W. Morrow.	Hon. Robert Bacon.
Hon. Robert Lansing.	

For Members of the Executive Council to serve until 1918:

Hon. Chandler P. Anderson, New York.
 Charles Henry Butler, Esq., District of Columbia.
 Professor Charles Cheney Hyde, Illinois.
 Prof. George W. Kirchwey, New York.
 Hon. John Bassett Moore, New York.
 Jackson H. Ralston, Esq., District of Columbia.
 James Brown Scott, Esq., District of Columbia.
 Prof. George G. Wilson, Massachusetts.

To fill the vacancy caused by the lamented death of Gen. George B. Davis in the Class of Members of the Executive Council whose terms expire in 1917: Prof. Amos S. Hershey of Indiana.

(Signed) ALPHEUS H. SNOW, *Chairman*.

(Signed) A. J. MONTAGUE.

(Signed) CHAS. NOBLE GREGORY.

President ROOT. The report will be received. What is the pleasure of the meeting in regard to the disposition of the report of the Nominating Committee? Are there any other nominations to be made to the offices covered in that report? There being no other nominations, the question will be upon the adoption of the report, which will be the election of the officers named.

(The motion was put.)

President ROOT. The motion is agreed to, the report is adopted, and the officers nominated are elected.

What is the further pleasure of the meeting?

Dr. JAMES BROWN SCOTT. The motion of Mr. Charles Henry Butler, and the acceptance of the report of the Nominating Committee, ordinarily finishes the business which the Society transacts at this time; and after the termination of this part of the session there is held ordinarily a meeting of the Executive Council, which no doubt will follow this.

I would like to trespass upon your time for one brief moment, sir, to inform you that this is in a way the celebration of the tenth year of the existence of the Society. Steps were taken in June, 1905, at Lake Mohonk, to form an American society of international law. A provisional committee was appointed consisting chiefly of members from New York, and they met from time to time at the residence of Mr. Oscar S. Straus, with the result that definite form was given to the movement. A constitution was drafted and presented to a meeting held at the office of the American Bar Association on the 26th day of January, 1906, at which time and at which place, under the presidency of Mr. Oscar S. Straus, the American Society of International Law was inaugurated, and it has now concluded the first decade of its usefulness.

I do not intend to dwell upon any of the results which the Society has achieved, but merely to call attention to the fact that we have successfully passed the first decade of our existence, and that the finances of the Society have been so carefully husbanded that all expenses of the Society have been paid without the levying of an assessment; that the *American Journal of International Law*, the organ of the Society, has appeared for the past nine years, the October number completing the ninth year, without requiring an assessment of any kind. And I am very happy to say, in conclusion, that there is a modest balance to the credit of the Association, in bank, of the sum of approximately \$7,000.

President Root. May I ask Dr. Scott whether the regular meeting, which would naturally be held in April next, will not be rather in the nature of a celebration of the first decade of the Society?

Dr. SCOTT. Mr. Chairman, that is for others to propose. I merely call attention to the fact that this is the tenth year since the organiza-

tion of the Society. If it should be the desire of the members of the Society to make something of a feature, or to call particular attention at the April meeting, to the organization of the Society and its work, it would certainly be very agreeable to us who have participated in the proceedings and were present at the beginning of its usefulness.

President Root. I wish to say to the members of the Society who are present, something that was very agreeable to my ear. A year or so ago, in conversation with one of the most distinguished authorities in international law, a professor in one of the great English universities, he told me that the JOURNAL published by this Society was in his opinion, and in the general opinion as he observed it, the best journal of international law that had ever been published.

What is the further pleasure of the Society? If there is no further business, the Chair will announce a meeting of the Executive Council to be held immediately upon the adjournment of this meeting. A motion to adjourn is in order.

(Upon motion, duly made and seconded, the Society adjourned.)